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No. 33 An Order Amending Executive Order no. 30 to Allow Reopening of Close Contact Personal Services Pursuant to New Safety Guidelines

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WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 30, which replaced Executive Order Nos. 17, 21, 22, 23, 27, and 29 and allowed many Tennesseans to return to work by lifting the stay-at-home order and allowing the reopening of many businesses, subject to business safety guidelines, while strongly urging Tennesseans to continue to refrain from non-essential activities and to stay at home as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 30 provided that additional business guidelines were forthcoming that would allow for reopening additional businesses safely, at which time that Order would be amended accordingly; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, the Governor’s Economic Recovery Group issued guidelines for the safe operation of close contact personal services, such as salons and barbershops, to allow such businesses to reopen at limited capacity in 89 of Tennessee’s 95 counties beginning on May 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, with guidelines providing for the safe operation of close contact personal service businesses, it is important to allow these Tennesseans to return to work to support their families and communities while trusting and expecting them to serve their customers in a safe way; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the other emergency management powers granted by law, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107(e), provides that during a state of emergency, the Governor is authorized to suspend laws and rules regarding the conduct of state business if necessary to cope with the emergency, order evacuations from certain areas, make orders concerning entry and exit and the occupancy of premises within an emergency area, and take measures concerning the conduct of civilians and the calling of public meetings and gatherings, among other things; and
WHEREAS, the temporary suspension of selected state laws and rules and the other measures contained herein are necessary to facilitate the response to the current emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and other applicable law, do hereby declare that a state of emergency continues to exist in Tennessee and order the following:

1. Reopening of Close Contact Personal Services. Effective at 12:01 a.m., Central Daylight Time, on May 6, 2020, Paragraph 11.a. of Executive Order No. 30, dated April 28, 2020, is hereby deleted in its entirety, the effect of which is that businesses or organizations that perform close-contact personal services are no longer required to be closed, unless, pursuant to Paragraph 13.c., a locally run county health department in Davidson, Hamilton, Knox, Madison, Shelby, or Sullivan County has issued an order or measure requiring that such businesses or organizations in that county remain closed.

2. Close Contact Business Guidelines. Pursuant to Paragraph 8 of Executive Order No. 30, all such employers and businesses are expected to operate in accordance with, and to fulfill the spirit of, the Close Contact Business Guidelines issued by the Governor’s Economic Recovery Group, which are available at the following web address and may be periodically updated: https://www.tn.gov/governor/covid-19/economic-recovery/close-contact-business-guidelines.html.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 5th day of May, 2020.

[Signature]
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

[Signature]
SECRETARY OF STATE